

House File 2178 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to practitioner preparation programs, including
2 the duration of the student teaching experience, and
3 including applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 d. Require that each student admitted to an approved
4 practitioner preparation program participate in pre-student
5 teaching field experiences that include both observation and
6 participation in teaching activities in a variety of school
7 settings. These pre-student teaching field experiences shall
8 comprise a total of at least fifty hours in duration, at least
9 ten hours of which shall occur prior to a student's acceptance
10 in an approved practitioner preparation program. The student
11 teaching experience shall be a minimum of fourteen weeks in
12 duration during the student's final year of the practitioner
13 preparation program; provided, however, that higher education
14 institutions providing practitioner preparation shall
15 reduce the duration of the student teaching experience for a
16 student who has worked as a substitute teacher pursuant to an
17 authorization issued by the board of educational examiners
18 under section 272.31, subsection 4, by the amount of weeks the
19 student worked as a substitute teacher. The program shall
20 make every reasonable effort to offer the student teaching
21 experience prior to a student's last semester, or equivalent,
22 in the program, and to expand the student's student teaching
23 opportunities beyond one semester or the equivalent.

24 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to students
25 admitted to an approved practitioner preparation program on or
26 after July 1, 2021.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill relates to practitioner preparation programs,
31 including the duration of the student teaching experience.

32 Current law provides that all higher education institutions
33 providing practitioner preparation are to require students
34 admitted to the higher education institution's practitioner
35 preparation program to participate in a student teaching

1 experience for a minimum of 14 weeks during the student's final
2 year of the program. The bill requires the higher education
3 institutions providing these programs to reduce the duration of
4 the student teaching experience for certain specified students
5 who have worked as substitute teachers by the amount of weeks
6 the students worked as substitute teachers.

7 The bill applies to students admitted to an approved
8 practitioner preparation program on or after July 1, 2021.